ALDERMEN VOTE TO INVESTIGATE

Appropriate \$5,000 for Monument to Edgar Allan Poe.

WANT REDUCTION IN EXPOSITION RATES

Bession Tame in Comparison With Those Preceding-Joint Committee for Apportionment of Expenditures in the Annexed Territory

LEAD ALL BOARD

PASSED BY BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Ordinance giving Treasurer addiitional clerk.
Increasing salary of Police Justice
Crutchfield.

Appropriating \$5,000 for a monument to Pos. Creating joint committee for appor-tionment of expenditures in annexed

tionment of expenditures in annexed territory.
Joint resolution providing for investigation of Finance Committee.
Ratifying cession of land for widening Monument Avenue.
Resolution asking Mayor why he has not enforced law requiring city officers to report by February 1st.
Resolution requesting Chesapeake and Ohio Raliway to modify rates to Jamestown Exposition.

The session of the Board of Aldermen last night was rather tame, contrasted with the two sensational meetings immediately preceding, at one of which the economy combine furnished the thrilis, and at the other of which the antibudget combine caused a stir. The old story of the King of France and forty thousand men was repeated. After having laboriously elimbed the hill of opposition, the Board receded from much of ion, the Board receded from much of former work. The anti-salary com-lation went to pieces, melted, dissolved or thin air.

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The Board reconsidered and voted the City Treasurer an additional sum of nearly \$1,000, which goes for an additional telerk. Then the Aldermen increased the ralary of the Police Justice, this carrying with it also a raise for the clerk to the Police Court. No other salary ordinances came up on their passage.

After having twice failed of the required two-thirds majority, the Board, on the third attempt, passed the ordinance appropriating conditionally the sum of \$5,000 for a monument to Edgar Allan Poe. The ordinance received the fourteen votes required, neither more nor less. Mr. Washer's change of vote made the result possible.

Vote for Inquiry.

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The joint resolution providing for a special joint committee to investigate recent criticisms and charges made by the Mayor against the Finance Committee was adopted. Mr. Grundy personally appealed for the passage of the resolution, on the ground that the committee desired it and was entitled to it. Of the sive Aldermen on the Finance Committee, four were present, Mr. Dabney being the only absentee. Mr. Ellett opnosed the resolution. Messrs. Cottrell, Grundy and Wood favored it. The vote was fourteen to seven. Both President Peters, of the Common Council, and President Turpin, of the Board of Aldermen, voted for the resolution.

The ordinance providing for a special int committee, with large powers to joint committee, with large powers to apportion the half million dollars raised

Session in Detail.

The Committee on Streets submitted a report, transmitting certain ordinances and a report of the City Engineer estimating the costs of a complete survey of the new territory. The estimated cost of the survey ascertainment of grades, etc., is about \$21,000. The engineer's report called for additional force and was referred to the Ordinance Committee.

An ordinance amending Section 5 of the City Code sa as to regult the South-Ap ordinance amending Section 5 of the City Code so as to permit the South-ern Railway to construct a track on Cary Street, from Fifteenth to Seven-teenth Streets, under certain limitations,

was passed.

An ordinance permitting R. Francien

An ordinance permitting R. Francione to construct a belcony over hanging the payement at No. 114 East Broad was passed—14 to 5.

A résolution from the Committee on Water providing for transferring 335.000 to the account of water mains went to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Ordinances reported an ordinance to provide for establishing an officers' table at the City Home, without charge for heard. This went to the Finance Committee, as did another prescribing ambittance charges for attending persons beyond the city limits, and another authorizing the temporary employment of a pharmacist at the City



picture was taken when he was elected President,

PARIS, March 12.—M. Casimer Perier, ex-President of France, died suddenly at 11 o'clock last night of embelism of the mart, at his residence on the Rue

Nitot, here.

Jean Paul Pierre Casimer Perier was
the son and grandson of statesmen. His
father, Augusta Casimer Perier, was
Minister of the Interior in 1871, and his
grandfather was leader of the opposition
when Louis-Philippe ascended the throne,
and afterwards was Promise Theore.

DISCUSS SITE; ADOPT CHARTER

Board of Visitors of University Hold an Important Meeting.

MEMBERS FAVOR SHERWOOD PARK

joint committee, with large powers to apportion the half million dollars raised by bonds for the improvement of the annexed territory among the various sections thereof, provoked vigorous opposition from President Turpin, who forcefully antagonized the proposition. Its friends in both branches were on hand to help push it, however, and it squeezed through by the narrow margin of 11 to \$\frac{1}{2}\$. One vote would have killed ft.

There were twenty members of the Board present, and as soon as the rollicall, minutes and other preliminaries had been concluded. Clerk August read an invitation from the officials of the Janestown Exposition Site. The Board directed the exhonwledgment and acceptance of the invitation, Later on at night the Board adopted a resolution requesting the Chesapeake and Ohle Railway to promulgate exposition rates more favorable to the city.

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Resolution Adopted.

The Committee on Ordinances, Charter and Reform reported a resolution providing for a special committee to inquire into the desirability of establishing an advisory and consulting board of the contract of

EX-PRESIDENT OF FRANCE DIES OF HEART DISEASE LIBRARY MATTER ABSORBING TOPIC

The Times's

Two Aspirants for Position of Librarian In Case of Vacancy.

JOHN G. HANKINS AND JOHN S, PATTON

Board Still Reading Evidence. Controversy Between Nichols and Kennedy Over Purchase and Sale of . Latrobe Manuscripts.

Three features of the State Library situation were widely discussed yes able successor of Mr. Kennedy in cas of a vacancy, and the purchase and sale by Mr. fennedy, in 1904, of a valuable manuscript written by Benj. H. Latrobe, the famous engineer and ar-

Latrobe, the famous engineer and architect.

With the second inquiry not yet well under way, it is learned upon good authority that in case a vacancy results in the position of librarian, at least two gentlemen will apply for the place. They are Mr. John S. Patton, of Charlottesville, librarian of the University of Virginia, and Mr. J. G. Hankins, of Hallfax, chief cierk in the office of Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Of course, no one knows what will be the result of the investigation which is now being conducted by the Library Board, and the candidacy of Messrs. Hankins and Patton is therefore contingent upon the acceptance of Mr. Kennedy's resignation, now in the hands of the board.

The members are still engaged in the task of reading the evidence adduced before the Legislative Investigating Committee. They tugged away at it faithfully all during yesterday, and went back into session premptly at 8 o'clock last night, and remained until a late hour.

Public Sessions Later.

Hon. A. C. Braxton Elected ViceRector—Text of Charter as
Finally Adopted—ByLaws Considered.

Working Committee.

At an important and largely attended meeting of the board of visitors of the University of Richmond, held yesterday afternoon at the Merchants' National Bank, the charter which has been under careful consideration for the past month was fully adopted for presentation to the State Corporation Commission, and the first definite step was taken toward the selection of a site, Sherwood Park apparently being favored by a majority of the members.

Those present at the meeting wege Mr. Milton E. Marcuse, Dr. Stuart McGuire, Dr. Ennlon G. Williams, Rev. Dr. S. C. Mitchell, Rev. Dr. W. W. Moore, Mr. John Stewart Bryan, Mr. John P. Branch, Mr. Joseph Bryan, Hon. John Gariand Pollard, Mr. Fred. W. Scott, Mr. J. Scott Darrish, Hon. A. Capperton Braxton, Rev. Dr. S. Charter Adopted.

Following the reading of the minutes

until a late hour.

Public Sessions Later.

No one is allowed in the room save the mombers, it is a matter of uncertainty when they will complete the task of studying this evidence, though they will probably get through to day. The board will then hold a public investigation in the Senate chamber. This may last a diy, or it may last a div, or it may last a d

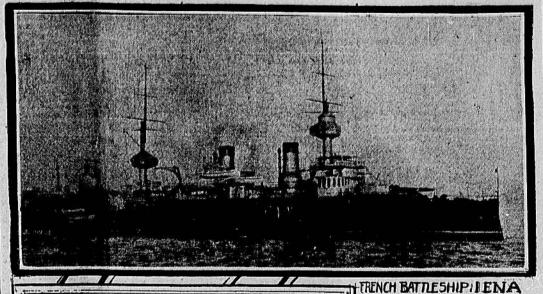
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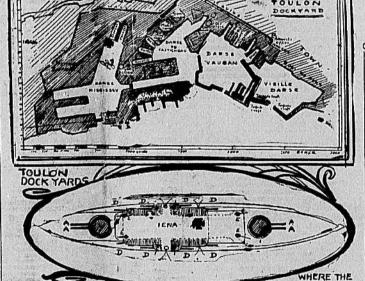
ATLANTA, GA., March 12.—Colonel John Temple Graves, editor of the Atlanta Georgian, was assaulted here today, being struck from behind without warning by J. H. Crutchfield, Colonel Graves was knocked down and stunned. Crutchfield, who used his fist in his attack, is a muscular man, towering high above Mr. Graves.

Friends of Colonel Graves innecidately attacked Crutchfield, who fied. His arrest was ordered from police headquarters, and he was taken into custody an hour later. Crutchfield, who was recently acquitted of a murderous assault upon his wife, who lost a leg as a result of his shooting her, as he claimed, accidentally, complained that certain statements published in the Grorgian were false and unjust to him, and that when he demanded retraction he got no satismanded retraction he got no satis-

BATTLESHIP IENA DESTROYED BY EXPLOSION AND THE TOULON DOCKS

Dispatch





GREAT SPEECHES THREE KILLED BY IN DEBT GASE

Anderson and Conrad Make Splendid Argument Before Supreme Court.

CARLISLE IS DISAPPOINTING

Questions Asked by Members of the Court Seem to Favor Virginia.

BY WALTER EDWARD HARRIS.

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STATE FAIR DATES.

The Board of Directors of the State Fair Association has announced that the second annual exhibition will be hold October Bth-12th, includive, this year. The board is much pleased with the outlook, which promises notable success for the fair.

WHERE THE

F. F. V. Limited Ran Into Slide Near Hinton and Wrecked Engine and Cars.

KILL ENGINEER AND FIREMAN

Through Train Ran Into Freight at New River-Conductor Killed, Brakeman Injured.

HINTON, W. VA., March 12 .- At 9:15

Chesapeake and Ohio since 1876.

Conductor Killed.

At 3:20 A. M. Freight Conductor
J. B. Lutz had stopped his train near
Sowell and on the bridge crossing New
River. While standing there a through
train ran into the caboose, instantly
killing Conductor Lutz and causing
serious injury to Rear Brakeman
Hugh Ratcliff. The approaching train
was seen by Lutz and Ratcliff, and
Ratcliff jumped and landed in the
river, fifty feet holow.

Archie Roosevelt Improving, WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—The Improvement in Archie Roosevett's condition continued throughout to-day and this evening. He was resting easily tooylebt.

was docked when explosion took place. Star in middle of bottom cut shows where first explosion in the ship took place.

END OF THAW CASE

Jury Should Take the Case Within Two Weeks.

SMITH'S TESTIMONY **BAD FOR PRISONER**

White's Brother-in-Law Says Thaw Was Sane on Night He Committed the Deed. Delmas and Jerome Had Hot Words on Objections.

NEW YORK, March 12 .- The end o eight weeks are to be Harry Thaw's stages of the trial were agreed upor to-day by opposing counsel, even to summing up. District Attorney Jeroms has at last burned behind him at ion, and has irrevocably pointed his course to proving that Thaw was sand

White's Brother-in-Law.

street car strike demonstrations in different portions of the city, the rioting culiminated to-day in an outbreak at Second and Breckenridge Streets, in which six men are known to have been seriously injured and a score or more suffered bruises and cuts.

"Mr. Clarth issued a proclamation calling upon the citizens to refrain from congregating on the streets or taking any part in the disorders.

The sign "U. S. Mail" was torn from a car carrying mail to one of the substations during the day. street car strike demonstrations in

CAPTAIN OF IENA AND 80 MEN DEAD

Admiral Manceron and **Hundreds of Crew** Are Injured.

FRANCE STUNNED BY CATASTROPHE

The Battleship Was Ready to Put to Sea When Explosion Occurred-Bodies, Fright-

Blown in the

fully Mangled, Were

TOULON, FRANCE, March 12.—A terrible disaster occurred here this afternoon. The powder magazine on board
the French battleship iena blew up at
thirty-five minutes past 1, and as a resuit Captain Adigard, commander of the
battleship; Captain Vertiez, chief of staff
of the Mediterranean squadron, and from
seventy to eighty bluejackets are dead,
while Rear-Admiral Manceron and hundreds of other men are suffering from
injuries, some of them horrible in their
extent. Naval circles are aghast and the

extent. Naval circles are aghast and the public is stunned by the appalling catastrophe, coming so soon after the loss of the French submarine boat Lutin, in which sixteen men met death.

The entire after part of the Iena was blown to pieces. The bodies of the victims were hurled through the air by a succession of explosions, and the paniestricken workmen at the arsenal fed from the vicinity of the dry-dock for their lives. Scores of the men who were on board the Iena jumped either overboard or on to the stone quays, and sustained serious injuries.

Ship Full of Explosives.

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The primary cause of the accident was the explosion of a torpodo.

What caused the explosion is not known, but the powder magazines of the Iena were set on fire and their contents, in exploding, practically destroyed what was considered one of the finest vossels in the French navy.

The Iena had just undergone a final inspection of her hull and machinery, the latter having been completely overhauled, preparatory to joining the squadron to-merrow. The crew was in its full strength, being composed of the rear-admiral, twenty-four other officers and 630 men. The magazines had been replenished recently and contained many tons of both smokeless and black powder, as well as a number of charges for torpedoes.

The crew of the Iona had sinished their midday ment only a short time before the explosion and had dispersed to various parts of the vessel. Most of the men were engaged in work connected with the approaching departure of the warship, but quite a large party had been detailed to attend a lectura that was being given forward.

Wildest Confusion.

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The explosion came without warning.

The first shock was extremely violent and shook the vessel fore and aft. It was followed instantly by other shocks. The crew was thrown into a condition of panic. They rushed wildly lither and thither about the deck by lither and thither about the deck ing the lecture clambered over the but-

The hundreds of men below dees, were in a fearful position. They were enshrouded in blinding smoke, and while they groped their way toward the exits they became the prey of sufforating fumes which caused many of them to fall unconscious.

In the meantime the detonations had become more frequent, and the suttre-

after part of the Iena, which was virtually blown to pieces, caught fire.

Heroic Work of Rescuers.
Shells and charges of explosives in the magazines continued to explode, and masses of metal were hurled into the air to fall everywhere about the docks and the arsenal. These flying missiles demolished the torpede shed, the engine works and the pump-house nearby, and constituted a most serious menace to the lives of those who mads their way toward the battleship to begin the work of rescue. In spite of the danger many heroic efforts were made to render assistance, but for the most part in vain. The Iena was aflame from bursting projectiles and the fire prevented approach.

It is declared that for thirty minutes the authorities were unable to discover the keys with which to open the locks to flood the dry-dock and submerge the ship, but when they did finally open the locks the water rushed in on the Iena and the explosions came to an end.

Then amidst masses of dense smoke the search for the dead and wounded was commenced. The lower decks of the Iena were littered with the fragments of shattered and torn bodies, while the surrounding water was dotted with human fragments.

It will be impossible to ascertain the exact number of killed and wounded until to-morrow, when a redicall will be held, as many of the men were completely blown to pieces, while others were incinerated.

IROQUOIS HOTEL BURNED:

ALL GUESTS ESCAPED SAULTE STE MARIE MICH. March 12.—The froquols Hotel was destroyed by fire to-day, causing n loss of 199,000. It was one of the finest hotels in Moringern Michigan. The flames spread with unusual rapidity, and this fact, together with low water pressure, made it impossible for the firemen to save the structure. All the guests escaped surely.

HARVARD NEGRO STUDENT AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP

PHILADELPHIA, PA, March 12.—Alan Leroy Locke, colored, of Philadely phia, who will be graduated from Parryard University in Juny, it was an nounced to-day, has been awarded the Rhodes scholarable at Carry Which this year was allotted to the State of Pennsylvania. The selection was made by a committee headed by Provo Harrison, of the University of Pennsylvania, Locke was chosen over few other candidates.